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As ministers meet

Royal visitors tour farm

By a Staff Writer
RIYADH, Feb. 22 — Sweden's King Carl XVI Gustaf and Queen Silvia Saturday afternoon visited a large new dairy in Kharj while their accompanying foreign minister, Ola Ullstrom, held extensive talks with Crown Prince Fahd who gave a press conference for the 24 Swedish journalists accompanying the King.

Earlier in the day the royal couple toured the ministry of Planning in Riyadh where Planning Minister Sheikh Hisham Nazir briefed them on the third five-year plan, launched last year. The minister referred to Sweden's 3,000 people and 100 firms in the Kingdom.

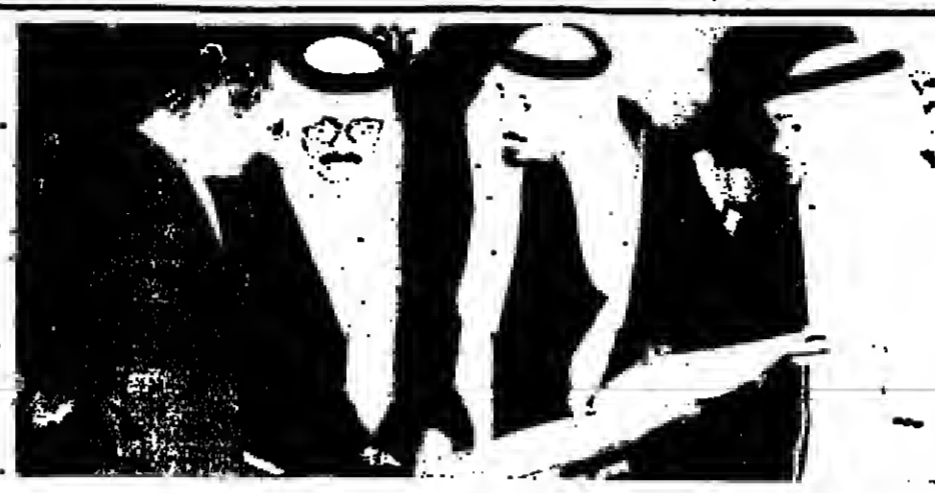
Later, the royal couple toured the King Faisal Specialist Hospital to return to the Nassriyah royal guest palace for lunch.

In the afternoon, the couple visited the new 7,000 head Kharj dairy built by the Swedish multinational, Alfa-Laval.

Ullstrom, however, earlier spent 90 minutes with Crown Prince Fahd for wide ranging discussions which were joined by minister Nazir and Finance Minister Muhammad Abu Al Khail as well as other officials. The talks covered international, regional and bilateral issues, according to Swedish sources who also said the crown prince held a 30 minute press conference for the visiting Swedish journalists.

On Sunday night, Riyadh Governor Prince Salman hosted a traditional desert dinner in a tent of the Khurais road for the royal couple, on their first trip to the Arab world.

On Monday, the state visit's third and final day, the royal couple are due to fly east for a tour of Dhahran's University of Petroleum and Minerals before returning to Riyadh for meetings with the Swedish community and a press conference. On Tuesday they leave Riyadh for Jeddah to pick up the regular commercial flight back home to Stockholm.



GIFTS EXCHANGED: King Khaled and King Carl Gustav of Sweden exchange gifts in Riyadh Saturday.

Bahrain hits back
Reagan's policy, not Gulf, is weak

Gulf Bureau
BAHRAIN, Feb. 22 — Bahrain Sunday rejected the view of U.S. President Ronald Reagan that the Gulf was a weak point. "It was American policy that was weak," Crown Prince and Defense Minister Sheikh Hamad bin Issa Al Khalifa said Sunday. The Crown Prince remarks were published Sunday in the Kuwaiti newspaper *Al-Siyasa*.

Referring to Reagan's remarks on the Gulf the crown prince said: "It was American policy that was weak, compared with that of the Soviet, and the strength of the Gulf states was based on the solidarity of their peoples, especially on the domestic front."

Sbeikh Hamad also rejected any proposal for an international conference to declare the Gulf a neutral region. Its neutrality "must come from the strength of the Gulf states and not be imposed from outside," he said.

The crown prince added that the withdrawal of British forces from the Gulf (in 1971) did not justify intervention from elsewhere.

The prince said that the Gulf states will resist any outside intervention, adding that there was now complete coordination among the states over the armament policy and especially for the purpose of establishing military industries.

The Arab Industries Organization which produced rockets, bombs, armored vehicles and automatic weapons, was dissolved in July 1979 following Egyptian President Anwar Sadat's visit to Israel. The AIO included Saudi Arabia, the United Arab Emirates, Qatar and Egypt.

Earlier this month six countries established the Coordination Council of the Gulf Arab States to streamline inter-Gulf cooperation. Experts from member states, Saudi Arabia, Oman, Kuwait, Qatar, Bahrain and the United Arab Emirates, will meet in Riyadh Feb. 24 and in Muscat March 4 to draw up an integrated plan for the functions of the council and its secretariat.

King to attend ceremony

RIYADH, Feb. 22 (SPA) — King Khaled will be the chief guest at a dinner to be held here Monday to honor the winners of this year's King Faisal foundation prizes.

The prizes are awarded annually for outstanding work in three fields — service to Islam, Islamic studies and Arabic literature. The first prize carries a cash award of SR300,000 and a gold medal, while the other two consist of a cash award of SR250,000 each, a commemorative medal and a certificate of merit.

The award for Islamic studies has been withheld this year, since the works submitted did not conform to the standards set by the foundation.

Meanwhile, the award committee has instituted a fourth prize, to be called the King Faisal Prize for Sciences. The first award will be made in 1982.

The foundation aims at consolidating the principles and values for which King Faisal struggled throughout his life.

This year's prize for service to Islam has been awarded to King Khaled.

Despite fall in prices
Gold attracts investors

BY Mike Shuttleworth
LONDON, Feb. 22 (R) — Gold, the most tantalizing of the world's metals, is again within the grasp of the small investor due to a sharp fall in price and a competitive gold coin market.

Despite an image tarnished by a price drop to \$495 an ounce earlier this month, 25 per cent down since October, gold remains the ultimate asset to private investors.

And the recent introduction of smaller gold coins made it easily available as a compact store of wealth.

About 322 tons gold coins were sold in 1979, but prices last year that reached a peak of \$875 an ounce restricted the market.

In response, South Africa's Intergold Company, which has dominated the field since introducing the one-ounce Krugerrand in 1967, launched a series of handy-sized "mini-Krugers."

Dealers said there had been good response to the one-half, one-quarter and one-tenth of an ounce coins, despite an overall fall in Krugerrand sales last year to 3.14 million ounces from 4.94 million in 1979. The current relatively stable gold price had aroused fresh interest, they said.

South Africa, which produces two-thirds of the non-communist world's gold, faces competition in the coin market from Canada, Mexico, Britain and the Soviet Union.

Soviet authorities argue that their quarter-ounce Chervonets is, especially suitable for investors with political objections to South Africa.

U.S. dealers, who note increased interest in coins when the gold price falls below \$500, said Krugerrands take 80 per cent of U.S. sales.

They said remaining sales were divided roughly between Mexico's series of six coins, the largest of which is the 1.2 ounce 50-peso, and the one-ounce Canadian Maple Leaf.

Zurich gold dealers said the Krugerrand was easily the most popular gold coin traded in Switzerland with the Maple Leaf making

Munich radio station attacked

MUNICH, Feb. 22 (Agencies) — A team of 38 specialists from the Bavarian criminal office launched an investigation Sunday into the bomb attack on the headquarters of U.S.-financed Radio Liberty and Radio Free Europe.

Bavarian police said, however, there were no clues in the blast, which ripped through the newsroom for the Czechoslovak, Polish and Russian sections late Saturday.

Police said eight persons were injured, four of them passersby or residents of nearby apartments. Also injured was a West German telephone switchboard operator and three Czechoslovak staffers on duty in the station at the time of the blast. One of the Czechoslovaks, Marie Pulda, was reported in a critical condition. A station spokesman said Sunday he understood the woman had been taken off the critical list.

Officials estimated damage at \$2 million. Police said the bomb, believed to have been a 10 kilo charge of plastic explosive, also blew off doors and shattered windows in houses near the station, which broadcasts Western-oriented news into eastern Europe.

Station staff said news programs were running normally Sunday. Radio Free Europe

and its sister station, Radio Liberty also beam programs into the Soviet Union, Poland, Hungary, Bulgaria and Rumania.

About 1,400 persons, many of them east European emigres, are employed at the station but few of them were in the building when the bomb exploded. The two-story concrete and glass broadcasting station overlooks Munich's English Garden Park and was originally designed and built as a hospital in the early 1950s.

Communist governments, which for years have accused Radio Free Europe of cold-war mongering, repeatedly try to jam its broadcasts, which are re-transmitted from Portugal. Local residents spoke of a blinding flash of light and a deafening explosion at the radio station. Police said the blast occurred about 20 meters from the station's central transmitting room.

Firemen searched through piles of rubble for people who might be trapped underneath as a team of explosives experts investigated the blast. Police said it was the same team of experts that investigated a bomb blast at Munich's "Oktoberfest" beer festival last year which killed 13 persons.

Shops bombed in N. Ireland

BELFAST, Feb. 22 (AP) — Police in northern Ireland Sunday began investigating a wave of fire-bomb attacks carried out on stores in three parts of the province Saturday night. Altogether, some 15 stores were attacked, some badly damaged by incendiary devices which started fires.

In Belfast, eight shops, including four furniture outlets, were hit. In Londonderry, the

scene of some unruly rioting against police Friday and Saturday, devices went off in four stores around the city center. And in Armagh, three more devices exploded.

Firemen quickly brought all the incidents under control and there were no injuries. But shop-owners throughout the province were urged to return to their stores Sunday to check for damage.

Consuls leaving Basque

MADRID, Feb. 22 (R) — Several consuls were reported by Spanish radio Sunday to be preparing to leave the troubled Basque region as an all-out hunt for the kidnapers of the honorary consuls of Austria, El Salvador and Uruguay failed to yield any result. The Basque newspaper *Deia* published a letter from the Uruguayan consul's wife to her husband Antonio Alfaro Fernandez saying she was confident the kidnapers would release him unharmed.

She said the kidnapers told the consul to pack a suitcase for at least two weeks but that nothing would happen to him. Sources in Alfaro's family have quoted the separatists as boasting they wanted to kidnap all consuls in the region. Two other abductions failed as the separatists belonging to the political military wing of the organization ETA Basque homeland and freedom did not find the consuls of Portugal and West Germany at their San Sebastian offices.

Ex-U.K. envoy recalls KGB trap

LONDON, Feb. 22 (AFP) — A former British ambassador in Moscow revealed Sunday how he was seduced and compromised by a Soviet KGB agent on the eve of the Soviet invasion of Czechoslovakia in August 1968. Retired diplomat Sir Geoffrey Harrison, 73, told *The Sunday Times* paper here that the "young attractive girl" was a chambermaid in his flat in the embassy.

"The assumption was that every Russian working in our embassy was a KGB employee. As a trained diplomat, it was an aberration on my part. It was absolutely crazy," he said. The sudden Czech crisis alerted him to the fact that he had fallen into a trap and he immediately confessed to the Foreign Office in London which recalled him two days after Soviet tanks rolled into Prague.

Sir Geoffrey added: "There are many cases like this which go unreported. It is happening all the time to diplomats and journalists, even politicians." He said he sympathized with the American military assistant attache in Mos-

Ex-U.K. envoy recalls KGB trap

cow Maj. James Holbrook who was recalled to Washington last month after being implicated with another U.S. officer in alleged misbehavior at a party. Western sources have said they believe the hotel party was stage-managed by the KGB.

Harrison said the affair in which he was involved took place during the Soviet occupation of Czechoslovakia and a growing realization of the security implications prompted him to advise the Foreign Office. Harrison was immediately recalled. He said the girl who was not named was already an employee of the embassy when he arrived in Moscow in 1965. "She was apparently a trusted member of staff," he said. Harrison said there were many similar instances happening in Moscow that go unreported.

Sir Geoffrey is married with three sons and a daughter. The paper did not say who it learned of the affair. There was no immediate comment from the Foreign Office.

Toddlers on strike



TODDLERS ON STRIKE: Some baby pickets demonstrated recently in front of Granada Television headquarters in London against the withdrawal of creche facilities paid for by the company for their working mums and dads. They were wheeled into line of protest in their pushchairs by their parents who include top TV producers and directors. In the picture the toddlers are seen waiting for the chairman of the company to press him to include childcare facilities in the working conditions of their parents.

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National achievements accented

Industry activities cover Kingdom

By a Staff Writer
JEDDAH, Feb. 22 — Deputy Governor of Mecca Prince Saud bin Abdul Mohsen Saturday opened the National Industries Exhibition at the Chambers of Commerce Exhibition Grounds here in which more than 35 national factories from Jeddah, Mecca, Taif, Medina and Yanbu are participating.
 He called on citizens to acquaint themselves with their country's industrial achievements and to encourage Saudi Arabian industry by buying and advertising for

chamber spokesman said Sunday.
 He added that numerous items ranging from furniture, soap and prayer mats to polyester tanks and plastic bottles are on view at the show's 75 stalls. The sponsors told *Arab News* that this is the first time the chamber has held an exhibition of this nature at the ground floor halls of its building at Mina Road. Another added feature is the incentive offered to the visitors to buy consumer goods at discount prices, he said.
 Saudi Polyester Products Tanco Ltd. have

prices.
 Salesmen at the stalls give details of their products to the visitors and sometimes ask them to try and use it themselves, especially those marketing consumer goods like perfumes and "fresheners." Many of the stalls and video tapes show the processing of their products for the information of those interested in buying.
 Meanwhile, Riyadh Governor Prince Salman dedicated the second phase of the industrial city at Al-Kharj road. He also distributed awards to model factories which won the King Khaled prize for 1979-80.
 The first prize went to the Saudi Arabian Porcelain Company in Riyadh. Second prize went to the Saudi Cement Company of Ahsa, and third prize was awarded to Badra Saudi Factories in Jeddah.
 The maintenance prize offered by the Ministry of Industry and Electricity was handed to the Sandi Cement Company of Ahsa by Prince Salman. Second came the Saudi Porcelain Company of Riyadh, and third place went to Al-Zamel Air Conditioner factory in Dammam.
 The Al-Dar Saudi prize for Industrial Safety Consultancy Services was won by the National Carpets Factory in Jeddah, followed by Al-Zamel Air Conditioner factory of Dammam, and the Saudi Cement Company of Ahsa.
 Four men won the ministry's prize for the model officials: They were Engineer Abdullah Abdul Aziz Al-Tuwaijri, who oversaw the construction of the industrial city, Naif Raheb Al-Radadi, Abdul Rahman Abdullah Abdul Razeq, and Ubaid Murtuqi Al-Harbi. Prince Salman then unveiled the memorial plaque of the second phase and inaugurated two national industries, the South Company for Metalwork and a plant owned by the National Company for Medical Equipment Ltd.



JEDDAH: Mecca Deputy Governor Prince Saud bin Abdul Mohsen (center) and Jeddah Chamber of Commerce president, Sheikh Ismail Abu Dawood, tour an industries product-line exhibition.

Saudi products. He hoped that more progress will be scored in the coming few years toward an overall industrial revolution.
 Sheikh Ismail Abu Dawood, the head of the Jeddah Chamber thanked the government for the various incentives it gives to promote industry and hoped that one day Saudi products would compete with those of major industrialized countries.
 In addition, the Jeddah Chamber of Commerce is putting on an exhibition and sale of goods manufactured by local companies in order to commemorate industrial week, a

put on view their giant polyester tanks that are corrosion-free and are produced according to a patented Swedish method based on centrifugal casting. The tanks are available for storage of water and other potable liquids as well as for oil and gasoline.
 A big draw at the show is the demonstration of spun steel wool at the stall of the Logamesh Company. Take-home packs of steel wool used to wash utensils were being grabbed up by customers. Other items like soap, washing powder, ahrasm material and tissue paper packs are being sold at give-away



RIYADH: Riyadh Governor Prince Salman and Industry and Electricity Minister Dr. Ghazi Algosabi tour factory at the industrial estate.

Riyadh's industrial city covers a total area of 18 million square meters. About five million square meters have been developed to date at a cost of SR205 million. The developed section includes the administrative buildings, a clinic, a civil defense post, a police department, a bank and an industrial training center. Land has been allocated for 300 factories to date.

In a speech, Prince Salman said he is proud of the Kingdom's achievements. He added that in compliance with the instructions of King Khaled and Crown Prince Fahd, the country was proceeding steadily toward self-sufficiency through its resources, industries and agriculture. "We are pressing forward toward an integrated Saudi economy," Prince Salman said. He urged citizens to channel their efforts toward making industrialization successful and provide further prosperity for all Saudi Arabians.

During Kuwait meeting Arabsat board examines bids

By a Staff Writer
KUWAIT, Feb. 22 — The board of the Arab Space Telecommunications Authority met Sunday to evaluate the bids and the conditions connected with the Arab satellite project. It will submit its report to the general assembly due to be held at the beginning of April.
 The board, chaired by Faisal Zaiden, deputy minister of posts, telephones and telegraph, decided at its meeting in Damascus last year to invite bids for the construction and launching of the satellite, known as Arabsat. The decision was taken at a three-day meeting in Damascus by representatives of the member states including the Kingdom, Jordan, Kuwait, Syria, Tunisia, Qatar, the U.A.E., Algeria, Morocco, Lebanon, Mauritania, Iraq and Djibouti.
 Arabsat will be used for telephone, tele-rail and television communications. It will be based in Riyadh where the Saudi Arabian Official praises Chinese efforts

government has donated a site for the headquarters. When in full swing it will handle up to 12000 inter-Arab telephone and telex calls at once and should take care of the Arab world's needs up to 1990.
 At a meeting of the board in Morocco last April it was decided to call for new tenders partly because a consortium composed of British Aerospace, Matra and Tom of France was the only contender in a previous call for bids, Hughes Aircraft Corp. of the U.S.A. also submitted a tender. Its status was to be re-examined by the Arab boycott office, which was asked in a resolution of the Arab League general assembly to take the necessary measures in line with the importance of the Arabsat project.

Official praises Chinese efforts

RIYADH, Feb. 22 (CNA) — Abdul Latif Ajaji, Saudi Arabian deputy minister of agriculture and water, has praised the service of the Chinese Agricultural Technological Mission which has been working with his ministry for two years.
 The deputy minister told Chinese Ambassador Hsueh Yu-chi recently the mission has been "cooperating with his ministry in good faith," and its experience has proved beneficial to the ministry.
 He said his government attaches great importance to Sino-Saudi agricultural cooperation, since agriculture is the first field of cooperation between the two countries.
 He stressed his government wants the cooperation to be useful to the Kingdom. He said he believes some kind of formula can be worked out so the mission can be of utmost service to the Kingdom.
 The meeting took place at Ajaji's office in Riyadh. Earlier, Hsueh visited the members of the mission and urged them to work hard to deserve the Kingdom's friendship.
 The Mission has 35 members working at eight different departments of the Saudi Ministry. It is the second Chinese Agricultural Mission in the Kingdom. The first is working on improving the productivity of rice, vegetables and fruits in Al-Hassa and Qassim.

Matar trains on jumbo

JEDDAH, Feb. 22 (SPA) — Saudi Director General Sheikh Ahmad Matar left for the United States recently to attend a training course on flying Jumbo planes. The training course will last one month. Saudi will receive its first Jumbo aircraft in April, which coincides with the opening of the King Abdul Aziz (new Jeddah) airport.

COMMENT

By Ahmed Tashkendi
Al-Bilad
 The United Nations had declared 1981 as the International Year for the Handicapped.
 There is hardly any country in the world which does not have handicapped members in the society — people who either suffer from a temporary disability or a lasting handicap that normally shatters their spirit and optimism toward life.
 If we penetrate deep into the matter to find what the able-bodied people have done to help their unfortunate fellow beings, we would not find their contribution of any considerable significance. Perhaps being aware of the situation, the U.N. has allocated millions of dollars in its 1981 budget to spread worldwide consciousness on the cultural, social and

health aspects of the problems of handicapped people.
 Considering it a vital problem, Saudi Arabia has given it considerable attention and concern, and has spent liberally to alleviate the hardships of the handicapped. Large sums have been allocated in the social welfare and social insurance budgets to help the disabled and the handicapped on a permanent basis. A society also has been set up, with Minister of Industry and Electricity Dr. Ghazi Algosabi as chairman, to work for this humanitarian cause.
 Those who are capable of spending and donating for the benefit of this unfortunate class of the society are called upon to do so, believing that any assistance to the handicapped is an inescapable human and religious obligation on all.

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Kingdom donates \$10.6m

JEDDAH, Feb. 22 (SPA) — Saudi Arabia today gave \$10.6 million to the Organization of the Islamic Conference. Three checks were handed to OIC Secretary General Habib Chatti by Sheikh Ahmad Al-Mubarak, the head of the Islamic Desk at the Foreign Ministry.

One \$5.5 million check was earmarked for the Islamic Solidarity Fund, an autonomous offshoot of the OIC; another \$5 million check was marked for the Jerusalem Fund; and the third one for \$100,000 represented the Kingdom's contribution to the budget of the Islamic Research Center for History, Art and Culture in Istanbul.

Chatti thanked Saudi Arabia for its gener-

ous donations and efforts to consolidate Islamic action throughout the world. This assistance, he said, will help the organization carry out the resolutions and the Third Islamic Summit held in the Kingdom last month.

The summit had decided, among other things, to raise the ISF's budget to \$50 million. It further set up a \$100-million Waqf (Trust) to provide a steady revenue to the ISF through various investments. A proposal to set up an Islamic relief agency required further study, according to the summit resolutions. Only one chapter in the ISF's budget is used to come to the rescue of Muslims in distress throughout the world.



(SPA photo)
TALKS: Deputy foreign minister for economic and cultural affairs, Sheikh Abdullah Alireza (right), walks with South Korean deputy minister Tong Wie-Kim. (The men are followed by South Korean Ambassador to the Kingdom, Yie Joon Chang.

S. Korea begins bilateral talks

JEDDAH, Feb. 22 — Officials from Saudi Arabia and South Korea met here Sunday to discuss the joint cooperation agreement which covers economic and technical relations between the two countries.

The Saudi Arabian side was led by Sheikh Abdullah Alireza, deputy foreign minister for economic and cultural affairs, and the South Korean delegation by Tong-wie-Kim, vice minister in the Ministry of Foreign Affairs.

Alireza said several subcommittees had been set up to promote bilateral cooperation. They included officials from the ministries of finance, industry and electricity and the chambers of commerce. Several other ministries are being represented on the technical committee. He said the joint commission will hold several meetings to expand the field of cooperation.

Kim, in his opening remarks, hoped that the three-day talks would strengthen cooperation in the technical and economic field.

The agenda for the talks included economic, technical and agricultural cooperation, trade promotion and co-operation in the field of education, sports and culture.

Kingdom to open Jeddah airport

JEDDAH, Feb. 22 (SPA) — King Khaled officially will dedicate Jeddah's new airport (Irrigation S. Brig. Yousef Amin, director of International Airport Projects, said Sunday, the airport will begin actual operations April 15).

The airport, which will be named after King Abdul Aziz, is one of three major international airports in Saudi Arabia under the government's development plans. It is equip-

ped with the most advanced facilities including a computer which can handle up to four million pieces of data.

A plan has been devised to facilitate the shift from the old to the new airport. Saudi Arabians will be trained to the farthest extent to replace as much as possible foreign manpower in the long run. Brig. Amin said. Some 70 nationals are receiving training in West Germany and the United States in engineering, electronics and computer operation.

Jubail begins tree planting week

JUBAIL, Feb. 22 (SPA) — Celebrations marked the start of the tree-planting week for Jubail Sunday. About 10,000 trees are to be planted in the major streets, public gardens, the hospital and other government buildings.

Jubail Municipality organized a ceremony on the occasion which was attended by Sheikh Ahmad Abdul Rahman Al-Misfer, the emir of Jubail, and other notables in the region. Sheikh Misfer said the planting week is a blessed move that will beautify the city and cover the empty areas with greenery for the comfort of citizens.

More than 400 students, from various educational levels, are taking part in the tree planting week, beside the Jubail Governorate, the municipality and youth from different clubs.

Meanwhile, Mecca Mayor Abdul Kader Koshak planted the first tree in Mecca Sunday afternoon marking the start of the tree-planting week in the Holy City. The week is part of a comprehensive program for planting trees in Mecca and the pilgrimage places, according to Mayor Koshak.

More than 2,000 trees already have been planted in Arafat the mayor said. The tree-

planting week will give a strong push forward for the comprehensive greenery program of the Holy sites, he added. In addition to concerned government departments, more than 1,000 students are carrying out the planting.

Mecca Municipality had held a meeting Saturday to discuss the preparations for the week, and coordination among the branches of the municipality. The meeting was attended by all heads of branches and the deputy mayor.

Meanwhile, Tabuk Governor Prince Abdul Majeed began the tree-planting week for the town Saturday morning by planting the first tree. The week, jointly organized by the Directorate of Education, Presidency of Youth Welfare, the municipality, the Agriculture and Water Department, the Girls Education Directorate and the Northern Region Command, will see the planting of about half a million trees, according to Al-Medina.

The region's citizens contributed the plants, in addition to more than SR550,000 cash and necessary tools for the planting week, the paper said.

BRIEFS

Justice ministers to meet
SANAA, Feb. 22 (SPA) — Justice Minister Sheikh Ibrahim bin Muhammad Al-Sayid said the agenda of the second Arab Ministers' Conference due to open Monday will approve the unified Arab proposal. The minister, who is the Kingdom's delegation to the conference, added that the conference also will discuss an Arab charter for legislative coop-

Gulf television debated
RIYADH, Feb. 22 (SPA) — The Gulf Television Organization's Technical committee began meetings here Sunday to discuss improving engineering and technology works of the Gulf televisions. The meeting, attended by the seven Gulf member states, reviewed transmission frequency for television stations in the region.

Australians express thanks
ADH, Feb. 22 (SPA) — Dr. Mubarak Wang, president of the Australian Muslims' union federation, thanked King Khaled for the \$1 million donation to build a mosque for Australian Muslims. Dr. Wang said in Australia welcomed the kind gesture of King Khaled. Dr. Wang expressed his admiration and appreciation to Islam, on behalf of Australian Muslims.

5 companies penalized
JEDDAH, Feb. 22 — Pilgrimage and Eodowments Minister Sheikh Abdul Wahab Abdul Wasie ordered punitive measures against five Saudi Arabian companies for delaying the execution of projects for building mosques. The sanctions included withdrawing the contracts from the companies, confiscate the guarantees and awarding the contracts to other bidders at the expense of the offenders, according to Al-Jazirah Sunday.

Numeiri receives summit message

KHARTOUM, Feb. 22 (SPA) — Sudan's President Jaafar Numeiri Saturday received a message from King Khaled on the results of the Third Islamic Summit Conference opened at the Holy Haram in Mecca, Jan. 25, and whose proceedings were continued in Taif till January 28.

The summit was chaired by King Khaled

who took over from President Zia-ul-Haq of Pakistan as President of the 42-Nation Organization of the Islamic Conference. The message, which also dealt with relations between Saudi Arabia and Sudan, was conveyed to President Numeiri by Sheikh Hassan Abdullah Al-Qorashi, the Saudi Ambassador to Sudan. The next summit after three years will be hosted in Morocco.

Safa resumes production

JEDDAH, Feb. 22 — The Mecca Water Company, which makes Safa and is the country's first mineral water plant, has been permitted to resume production by order of the Director of Water, Yahya Koshak.

A spokesman for the company told Arab News Sunday that the plant had been ordered closed because of minor ingredients found in the water. These were removed and the authorities were satisfied

with the quality of the water. The plant resumed production last month without further interruption.

The company, established five years ago, produces 7,000 cases of water a day which makes it one of the largest of the four plants in the country. It operates with the technical assistance of Evisan of France and conforms to the specifications of the World Health Organization and the Ministry of Health, the spokesman added.

Islamic Jurisprudence talks end

JEDDAH, Feb. 22 (SPA) — The Islamic Jurisprudence Academy wound up its meetings here Saturday. The final session was specified to some issues included in the agenda, including a message to the Muslim

ulema, sent by Sheikh Abdullah ibn Zaid, Sheikh Abdullah ibn Humaid, chairman of the higher jurisprudence council, and Sheikh Muhammad Ali Al-Harakan, Muslim world league secretary general, thanked the Kingdom for its support of Islamic causes.

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By Soviet troops

Afghan city under heavy shelling

ISLAMABAD, Feb. 22 (AP) — Soviet forces have launched heavy assaults on Kandahar, Afghanistan's second-largest city, where resistance fighters have been entrenched for the past year, a French television team said on their return Saturday.

Correspondent Warren Olivier, 36, in a telephone interview from Karachi, quoted residents as saying that the shelling and armored advances mounted last Thursday have been the most formidable they have experienced since the Soviet intervention began in December, 1979.

His three-member crew moved into the bazaar where they could hear, but not see, tanks moving through the city's center and triggering angry shouts from the local people. It was incredible, he told AP all the people of the bazaar, thousands, shouting "death to the Russians" and "Allah is great." "People without weapons, only fighting with their voices."

Olivier said 80 per cent of the provincial capital was under the fighters' control when his team arrived last Wednesday. He left three days later with the impression that the

Soviets would not try to hold the areas they overran, but would instead return to the safety of the base at the U.S.-built airport, about 10 kilometers outside the city.

"I myself have seen that the people are really resisting in Afghanistan," the French television reporter said. He said morale among the people of Kandahar was "very high."

Among the fighters casualties was Haji Ramadan, the Kandahar commander for the National Islamic Front, who was killed along with two of his men when an artillery shell hit his headquarters in the southwestern suburb of Malajat, he said. The front's leader, Pir Syed Ahmad Gailani, is currently visiting the United States.

Olivier said he and his two colleagues crossed from Pakistan on motorcycles which they rode without incident into Kandahar. Each was driven by an Afghan fighter.

"From the border to Kandahar, about 100 kilometers it's absolutely under Mujaheddin (Muslim freedom fighter) control," he said. "If you stay off the main road, there is no presence of Russian or Afghan troops."



JUBILANT: Chadian fighters opposed to the government of President Goukouni return to their base in the Ouaddai province of east Chad recently after a clash with Libyan forces. They are riding a captured army jeep with anti-aircraft gun. Meanwhile, Angola and the tiny island republic of Sao Tome and Principe Saturday expressed support for the Libyan-backed government of President Goukouni.

For refugee relief Ethiopia seeks Western aid

ASMARA, Feb. 22 (AP) — Ethiopia, which used Soviet arms to win two wars on its territory, is asking the West for vast sums to repair the damage and bring home refugees created by those wars. Tens of thousands of refugees are returning in what Ethiopian officials predict will be a reversal of one of Africa's biggest emigrations. Many are former fighters disillusioned by months of mountain skirmishing, others are families who fled the fighting.

Ethiopian officials say they expect major assistance from the West, although they concede that their military alliance with Moscow has turned off some Western donors. "It shouldn't make any difference if aid is truly given for humanitarian reasons," said Shimelis Adugna, head of the National Relief and Rehabilitation Commission.

Western nations and multi-national agencies have been the biggest givers since drought in 1973-74 put Ethiopia, one of the

world's poorest countries permanently on the relief rolls. Despite a recent Soviet gift of 12,000 tons of Australian wheat, commission spokesmen say they do not expect the East bloc to take on a significant part of the burden. "We get more from the Lutheran World Federation than we do from the socialist countries," commission spokesman Tamrew Fesse said.

Ethiopia this year presented a request to the United Nations for \$1.5 billion — the estimated cost of repairing war damage in Eritrea and the Ogaden desert, and of rehabilitating millions of drought and war victims. Commission officials say the amount is so large that there seems little chance of its immediate acceptance.

Ethiopia will test Western generosity again April 8-10 in Geneva, when African nations present their needs at a U.N.-sponsored conference on refugees. Africa has some 5 million refugees, according to U.N. estimates.

Student unrest Peshawar colleges closed

ISLAMABAD, Feb. 22 (AP) — Four policemen have been wounded by anti-government students firing rifles stolen from university security guards in the north-west Pakistan city of Peshawar, about 170 kilometers west of here, Northwest Frontier Province (NWFP), officials said.

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Tudeh Party attacks Bani-Sadr

TEHRAN, Feb. 22 (R) — The leader of Iran's pro-Soviet Tudeh (Communist) Party has accused President Abolhassan Bani-Sadr of being in league with elements opposed to the Islamic revolution, Tudeh Secretary Nureddin Kianouri made the charges in a newspaper attack Saturday which apparently reflected Soviet suspicions of the Western-educated president who is a moderate in Iranian politics.

In an interview with the Tudeh newspaper *Mardom*, Kianouri responded to a speech by President Bani-Sadr in which he said pro-Soviet Communists were cooperating with Islamic fundamentalists to establish tyranny in Iran.

"Bani-Sadr's words...are nothing but a repetition of libels, accusations and lies from

Savak (the Shah's secret police) and other corrupt elements trying to hide their weakness and their treason of the Iranian revolution," Kianouri said.

The staunchly orthodox Communists of the Tudeh Party have been among the most vocal supporters of Ayatollah Khomeini and the Islamic fundamentalists controlling the institutions of power.

Bani-Sadr has been engaged in a long-running feud with the fundamentalists of the Islamic Republican Party (IRP) Tudeh has consistently taken the side of the fundamentalists in the dispute with the president and his moderate followers. According to third world diplomats here, Tudeh's attitude is at least partly dictated by deep Soviet mistrust of Bani-Sadr.

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Reagan wants to boost Sudan ties

KHARTOUM, Feb. 22 (AP) — American President Ronald Reagan has told his largest nation in Africa of his "profound concern to consolidate ties of friendship" between the two countries, according to an official release here.

The Reagan message was addressed to Sudan's President Jaafar Numeiri and was relayed by the U.S. Ambassador to Khartoum William Kontas, the release said. The official Sudanese News Agency, (SUNA) released the message Saturday.

Shakaa, Khalaf call for state under PLO

JERUSALEM, Feb. 22 (R) — Two prominent leaders of the Israeli-occupied West Bank have called again for the establishment of a Palestinian state in the territory under the leadership of the Palestine Liberation Organization (PLO).

Mayor Bassam Shakaa of Nablus and Ramallah Mayor Karim Khalaf called Saturday for the new state at a meeting of Arab trade union leaders and members of the council for national guidance in East Jerusalem, Shakaa said. Most West European countries now recognized the PLO and no longer supported United Nations Security Council Resolution 242, which formed the basis for the Israeli-Egyptian peace treaty and has been opposed by Palestinians.

Khalaf warned the meeting not to expect too much from the Israeli Labor Party if it took power from the Likud government in general elections in June this year. The government has been criticized for its attitude toward settlements in the West Bank.

"Previous Labor governments were much worse than the Likud government," Khalaf said.

Siad Barre offers amnesty to exiles

MOGADISHU, Feb. 22 (AFP) — President Muhammad Siad Barre has told Somali exiles accused of offenses against the state, that they have three months to return home if they want to benefit from an amnesty he extended to them last weekend. Barre, in a decree published here this weekend, said the time limit took effect from Feb. 14 — the date he declared the amnesty. The amnesty applied to both convicted and non-convicted expatriates, he added.

BRIEFS

KUWAIT, (AFP) — The Kuwaiti cabinet Sunday decreed an amnesty for 550 prisoners to mark the country's national holiday next Wednesday.

TEHRAN, (R) — At least two persons were killed and 16 injured Saturday when two bombs exploded in separate districts of the Iranian capital, newspapers reported Sunday.

BEIRUT, (R) — Guards at the French embassy exchanged fire with the occupants of passing car Saturday night but no casualties were reported, security sources said.

CAIRO, (AP) — Italian Defense Minister Lelio Lagorio arrived here Saturday on a six-day visit for talks with his Egyptian counterpart, gen. Ahmad Badawi, the Middle East News Agency reported.

TEL AVIV, (AFP) — A Mark-2 version of Israel's Merkava tank is to go into production, Commander of the Defense Forces Supply Corps Gen. Benzion Ben-Bassat told Israeli radio Sunday.

MANAMA, (AFP) — Admiral Ronald Hees, deputy commander-in-chief of United States naval forces in Europe, conferred here Sunday with the ruler of Bahrain, Sheikh Isa, bent Salman Al-Khalifa.

ANKARA, (AFP) — At least four persons were killed and 27 injured in a collision early Sunday between a train and a lorry in Turkey's Afyon province, informed sources said here.

TEHRAN, (AFP) — Three British missionaries, held in Iran for the past six months as spy suspects, will be released soon, the official Pars news agency reported Saturday night.

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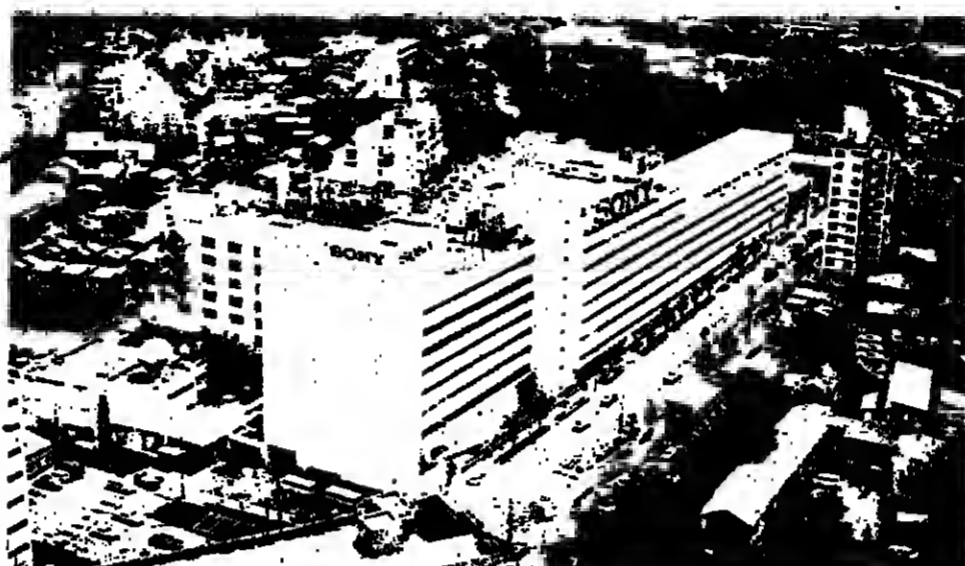
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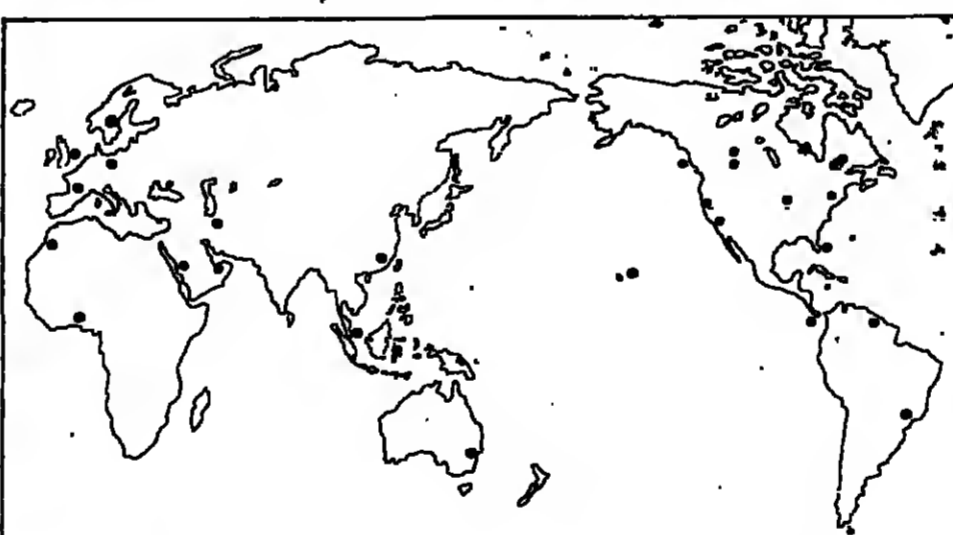
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Sony produced the first fully transistorized television set in the world in 1959 and initiated the concept of personalized television. The unique Trinitron color television picture tube, radically different from conventional tubes, was introduced by Sony in 1968.

These pioneering steps and subsequent progress have won wide recognition. In 1973, the National Academy of Television Arts and Sciences awarded an "Emmy" for the Trinitron. The Smithsonian Institution in Washington, D.C., holds the first Trinitron produced as a historic item in the progress of color television. Various encyclopedias include it in their pages. Its

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SONY now into Business Machines

SONY's latest venture is the development and marketing of Business Machines.

The announcement made recently, coincided with the introduction of the Sony Series 35 Word Processor, with a floppy disc storage technology, that Sony intends to make available to other manufacturers.

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Graduating in Geophysics from Tokyo Imperial University in 1942, Mr. Iwama entered the University's Earthquake Research Institute in 1945.

In 1958 he was appointed Senior Managing Director of Sony, Deputy President and Representative Managing Director in 1973 and President and Chief Operating Officer of Sony Corporation in 1976.

Mr. Iwama was awarded the coveted Medal of Honour with Blue Ribbon by the Emperor of Japan in 1979, in recognition of his pioneering work in developing the world's first transistor radio and home video.

Mr. Iwama is married, and has 3 children - a son and two daughters.



MR. HAJIME UNOKI
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New dresses for living room Fashion from Florence

By Betty Graham

RIYADH — Nothing succeeds like success — which is true in the case of Gabriella who is presenting Paola Davitti in Riyadh. Paola Davitti is a fashion designer from the city of Florence in Italy. The fashion show as held at Sahara Towners on Dec. 17, and it opened, a glorious chapter in the history of fashions in Riyadh and a triumph of Italian design.

The dresses of Paola Davitti (Design 'A') : give an aura of the past and add a new dimension to the present A shower of daisies

styles and color scheme that tie everything together. What makes it work are the simple good lines with the backdrop of silk, so suitable for the winter in Riyadh.

Gabriella has lived in Jeddah for 8 years and in Riyadh for one and a half years. "The designs belong to no age, they are for an elegant lady any day" says Gabriella. When asked about her friend Paola Davitti, she says, "She is a lady of noble birth, a countess in her own right and lives in an old palace in Florence. She has boutiques all over Middle East, Kuwait, Oman, Dubai etc. and has asked me to represent her fashions in



'A'

different colors is a classic style on formal occasions. It is simple, feminine, elegant and a dress brings out the rich qualities of silk. Lightening stripes; and evening gown in various silk. (Design 'B') : is classicism in its essence. Highlighted by the play of light shadow with a certain rhythmic eloquence found in three classic styles and different

or travelling or casual wear (Design 'C') : are elegant suits once again in pure silk. Matching scarves, which are very sporty versatile. The scarf can be worn around head — in keeping with the tradition here in the neck and waist. The patterns are intricate and vary from spider's web to abstract shapes.

There are also pleated skirts and western suits to choose from in a variety of colors in all and geometric prints, with a mix of

Riyadh.

Fashion is many things to many people. Paola Davitti's designs have a subtle superiority about them. They reflect the simplicity of her design and especially emphasize a woman's feminine qualities, without the superfluous and complicated fantasies of an evening gown.

For those who are interested, these dresses with design, colors and class woven into the fabrics, can be found at Gabriella's boutique which is off the Airport Road, straight from the circle super market, the first turn on the right. The last building on the left hand side is where the boutique is housed.

Though the original dresses are irresistible, it is heartening to learn that they are nevertheless still within the range of any ordinary buyer and are guaranteed good value for their money.



'B'



'C'



FASHION FOR MEN: These two models (left) are wearing Albert-Goldberg — designed jogging outfits, grey at left and navy blue at right, with a chintz tricolored jacket. At right the models are wearing American Jeff Sayre-designed sports outfits in green and brown corduroy. The fashion show was held recently in Paris by the "Club des créateurs de la mode masculine." Jeff Sayre is one of the well-known designers in the world.

The 'impossible' brain surgery

By Victor Cohn

BALTIMORE (WP) — The operation on the back of the brain had been called impossible. The occluded artery that had to be cleaned out was no larger around than drinking straw. It was buried well beneath the skull and was surrounded by some of the body's most delicate nerves and brain structures. At most, only an inch and a half of its length could be reached, and no one knew whether that might do more harm than good.

But 14 months ago, Johns Hopkins hospital Neurosurgeon George S. Allen successfully did what surgeons had been calling impossible. Operating on a 60-year-old Baltimore teaching nun who had been having repeated attacks of dizziness and hallucinations — tiny, temporary strokes that can pre-empt a major and crippling one — he first removed a 2-by-3-inch piece from the back of her skull.

Then, in a 10 1/2-hour operation, peering through an operating microscope and painstakingly wielding instruments like long needles, he lifted an offending chunk of yellowish cholesterol from that straw-like artery. In medical parlance, he had successfully removed an atherosclerotic plaque that was preventing an adequate blood supply from reaching the brain.

This month, sure at last that his patient is well, he published his results in a neurosurgical journal. And the hospital introduced the patient: a healthy and vigorous-looking sister Regina Marie Albert, a mathematics teacher at a Baltimore high school.

The cautious Allen told a news conference only that the operation had been a success so far, and "we do not know whether or not it will really prove safe and effective" and prevent strokes in other patients. But a surgeon at a large Washington hospital, asked to comment, said: "Dr. Allen has done a very exciting thing. I see no theoretical reason why this operation should not be repeated now, and I predict it will be done at least by the hundreds."

In short, the operation could give medicine a new weapon against the common kind of brain damage known as stroke. Nearly a half million Americans have strokes every year. Nearly 200,000 die annually of a stroke or its aftermath. And strokes cause one-fifth of all senility in the elderly. For her part, Allen's patient, a member of the school sisters of Notre Dame, said how she teaches regularly and takes daily walks and rides on an exercise cycle.

"The doctors had told me there was a great possibility that I would have a stroke," she said. "I had seen many of our sisters who had had strokes, and they were really helpless. I would rather have died under the surgery than lived to be a vegetable or be dependent on other people."

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Narrow win for Aston Villa

Ipswich rallies to stay on top

LONDON, Feb. 22 (AP) — Ipswich Town came from behind to beat Wolverhampton 3-1 to record their sixth successive league victory and maintain their challenge for the English Soccer Championship.

Ipswich retain their two-point lead over chief rivals Aston Villa, who scored a narrow 2-1 victory over bottom club Crystal Palace.

Liverpool, last year's winner but virtually out of this season's title race, wiped out two a goal deficit at lowly Brighton to earn a draw and stay in third place six points Villa.

Ipswich have 46 points and Villa 44, both from 30 games. Liverpool have 38 points, but have played one game more.

Manchester City won the local Derby match against neighbors Manchester United by the only goal of the game.

Leicester City struggling to avoid relegation, continued an upsurge of form by scoring a surprise 2-1 win at Tottenham. Leicester have already beaten Liverpool and Manchester United in recent weeks in their bid to stay in Division One.

Ipswich 3, Wolverhampton 1 (2-1) A third-minute goal from Wolverhampton's Scottish international Andy Gray stunned the league leaders into retaliation and Ipswich went on to end Wolves' run of nine games without defeat. John Wark scored his 79th goal of the season to level the scores and Eric Gates made it 3-1.

Ipswich goalkeeper Paul Cooper magnificently saved a penalty after 51 minutes and the visitors paid heavily when Kevin Beattie killed them off by scoring a third for Ipswich, who are without Dutch star Franz Thijssen.

Aston Villa, five of whose players were still suffering from a bout of midweek influenza,

got a touch of the jitters after Peter Withe put them two goals in front.

Palace, the bottom club and virtual certainties to be relegated pulled one back and Villa had the embarrassment of surviving late pressure on their own ground.

Brighton 2, Liverpool 2 (2-1) Brighton, fighting for its first Division One life, got off to a blistering start against the league champions with two goals in the first eight minutes from Mick Robinson and Gordon Smith. But David Johnson scrambled one back for Liverpool after 27 minutes and Terry McDermott volleyed the equalizer 25 minutes from the end.

Manchester City 1, Manchester United 0 (0-0) More than 50,000 fans packed into city's Maine road ground for the traditional local Derby between the two Manchester giants. City won the day with a goal from Steve Mackenzie, who smacked the ball home after 59 minutes after slack marking by the United defence. United began well but

once again suffered from an inability this season to score goals. City gradually took control and in the end were worthy winners.

Nottingham Forest 3, Arsenal 1 (2-1) Transfer-listed Martin O'Neill returned to the Forest side and scored twice in 14 minutes during the first half. Frank Stapleton put Arsenal back in the game after 28 minutes. Brian Talbot then missed a golden chance to level the score before Kenny Burn sewed up the points for Forest after 74 minutes.

Tottenham 1, Leicester 2 (1-1) Leicester took another giant step toward First Division survival with a fine win that took it two places off the bottom of the table. Tottenham dominated for most of the match but Leicester goalkeeper Mark Wallington made a string of fine saves. Steve Archwe equalized Leicester's opening goal but the visitors netted victory 11 minutes from the when Pat Byrne, who red came on for the injured Jim Melrose, scored with his first kick of the match.

Other results: Southampton 2, West Bromwich 2; Everton 3 Coventry 0; Leeds 1 Sunderland 0; Middlesbrough 3 Stoke 1.

Meanwhile, Scotland will be without striker Alan Brazil for their World Cup qualifying match against Israel at Tel Aviv Wednesday.

Brazil has withdrawn from the Scottish party with a chest infection. The Ipswich Town striker would almost certainly have played as he has been in great form for his club in recent weeks and the other Scottish striker, Joe Jordan of Manchester United, is also injured and unable to play.

STANDING: Division One

Team	P	W	D	L	F	A	Pts.
Ipswich	31	18	10	2	58	25	46
Aston Villa	30	19	6	5	52	26	44
Liverpool	31	12	14	5	52	37	38
West Bromwich	30	14	10	6	41	28	38
Southampton	30	14	8	8	60	43	36

Division Two

Team	P	W	D	L	F	A	Pts.
West Ham	31	20	7	4	60	25	47
North County	30	13	13	4	35	26	39
Chelsea	31	13	9	9	44	30	35
Grimsby	31	12	11	8	35	26	35
Blackburn	30	12	11	7	33	25	35

West German soccer fans run riot

BONN, Feb. 22 (AFP) — Two policemen were injured and four youths arrested as police used water cannons and went in wielding their truncheons to disperse a crowd of 300 angry Frankfurt supporters after S.V. Hamburg snatched a point in controversial manner away to Eintracht Frankfurt in the West German Football Championship Saturday.

Bayern Munich joined Hamburg at the top after trouncing bottom-of-the-table Arminia Bielefeld 5-1 while Hamburg drew a fourth-placed Frankfurt.

Bernd Holzenbein headed Frankfurt head two minutes into the second half but seven minutes from time Hamburg were

awarded a badly-disputed penalty for a dubious handling offence.

Manny Kaltz slid the ball home to keep Hamburg level with Bayern with 34 point 22 matches and incensed Frankfurt supporters milled angrily around the exits after the match waiting for the referee until they were cleared away by the police.

Bayern scored four without reply in the first half, opening with a Rummenigge penalty after seven minutes. Janson made it 2-0 one minute later, with another two from Nieder Mayer before the interval. Sackewitz pulled one back for Bielefeld before Rummenigge grabbed a fifth for Bayern.

Third placed VfB Stuttgart were without a

match. Their game at was postponed because of a frozen pitch. Dieter Muller and Rainer Bonhof scored two each as Cologne beat second-from-bottom Munich 1861 5-1.

In Nottingham, European champions Nottingham Forest are to appeal against a £7,000 fine imposed by the European Football Union (UEFA) for playing with advertising on their shirts in the second leg of the European Super Cup at Valencia, Spain, last December.

Fred Reacher, club vice-president, said here "We shall be appealing against the decision. The UEFA chairman was with me at the match and no complaint was made before we left. Friday was the first we had heard about it."

Nottingham won the first match 2-0, but Valencia won the return 1-0 in Spain to take the trophy on away goals.



WATCHFUL: Czechoslovakia's Ivan Lendl has his eyes fixed on the flight of the ball as he easily beats Harold Solomon.

Teltscher stretches Connors

LA QUINTA, California, Feb. 22 (AP) — Top-seeded Jimmy Connors and second-seeded Ivan Lendl scored semifinal victories Saturday to advance to the singles final of the \$175,000 Grand Marier-ATP Tennis games at the La Quinta Hotel Resort.

Connors needed three hours and 20 minutes in temperatures in the low 70s to eliminate seventh-seeded Eliot Teltscher 6-3, 6-7, 6-4. Lendl, of Czechoslovakia, had a much easier time, defeating third-seeded Harold Solomon 6-1, 6-2 in 80 minutes.

Connors and Lendl will square off Sunday for the championship. The winner will collect \$28,000 while the loser earns \$14,000.

Connors has beaten Lendl in their six previous meetings. The last time they met, Connors won a 7-6, 6-1 decision in the Volvo Masters event at Madison Square Garden in New York in January. Lendl admitted afterwards that he "was not interested in playing."

"I had a good first set, but in the second, I had a lull," said Connors, who lost the second-set tie-breaker Saturday 7-5. "Instead of going forward, I had to play catch-up." Eliot played well and tied off on his shots much better than he normally does. But I tried not to let that bother me."

In the third set, each player broke the other's service twice in the first eight games. Connors then held service in the ninth game and broke service to win the match.

Teltscher fought off two match points and had the advantage three times before Connors battled back and won on a cross-court backhand that caught Teltscher flat-footed at the net.

Lendl, who had been extended to three sets twice in his four previous matches in this event, had no problem with Solomon.

"To me, Sunday's match is just another final," said Lendl. "You would like to win. I'll just go out and do my best. Playing Solomon was good for me because his style fits in well with my style."

Cairns has India in trouble

AUCKLAND, New Zealand, Feb. 22 (AP) — New Zealand medium pace bowler Lance Cairns has India battling at the end of the second day of the first Test between New Zealand and India at the Basin Reserve, Wellington, Sunday.

At stumps India were 133 for four in reply to New Zealand's first innings score of 375 and Cairns had taken three wickets for 15 runs.

New Zealand skipper Geoff Howarth provided the batting highlight of the day hitting an undefeated 137 to provide the backbone of the innings.

Indian fast bowler Kapil Dev bowled a marathon 38 overs to take three for 112. Spinner Ravi Shastri, in his Test debut, took three for 54.

After Indian openers Chetan Chauhan and captain Sunil Gavaskar had scored 32 for the first wicket, Cairns struck two vital blows when he removed both Gavaskar and vice-captain Vishwanath.

Gavaskar, had earlier survived a confident

appeal for a catch when wicketkeeper Ian Smith took a sharply rising ball outside the offstump from Martin Snedden. He was out in 111 minutes. Viswanath went in similar fashion three balls later.

Brief scores: New Zealand 375 India 133 for 4 (S. Gavaskar 23, D. Vengsarkar 39, S. Patil 30; Cairns 3 for 15. Troup 1 for 16.

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Moscow congress begins today

MOSCOW, Feb. 22 (AFP) — Who is not here will be one of the main interests for Kremlin watchers when the Soviet Communist Party's 26th congress opens here Monday. The Chinese, who will not be here, having not been to Moscow since the 22nd meeting in 1961.

But the Italian, Spanish and French party leaders also will not be present, it being the first time for 60 years a secretary general of the Italian party will be missing. Enrico Berlinguer, leader of the Italian Communist Party, western Europe's largest, has declined an invitation with the Soviet intervention in Afghanistan and the Polish situation seen as the causes.

Spain's Communist Party chief Santiago Carlin has sent a similar message to Moscow,

while French party leader Georges Marchais, leader of one of Moscow's firmest Euro-Communist supporters, is busy campaigning for the French presidential election in which he is a candidate.

Representatives of eastern bloc parties on the other hand will be there, with Polish leader Stanislaw Kania at their head. The speech from Europe's most embattled Communist chief is awaited with particular attention.



SUCCESSOR TO EANES: Gen. Melo Egidio, named Tuesday to succeed Portuguese President Antonio Ramalho Eanes as general chief of staff of the nation's armed forces. The 58-year-old general has served as governor of the Portuguese territory of Macao for the past two years.

Former hostages remember savior

BANGKOK, Feb. 22 (AP) — A group of U.S. diplomats involved in the Tehran hostage crisis are making special efforts to enable the family of a Thai cook who helped the hostages to emigrate to the United States, a local newspaper reported Sunday. The English-language Bangkok Post said the diplomats were former hostage Victor Thomsen and five other Iran embassy staffers whom Somchai helped smuggle out of Iran.

Thomsen, who was taken hostage after being captured by militant students at the Iranian foreign ministry on Nov. 4, 1979, told a Thai public relations department correspondent in Washington Friday that he knew Somchai's family was in financial difficulty, the paper said. Thomsen is married to a Thai woman. The paper quoted Thomsen as saying that they planned to ask U.S. Congressmen to propose special legislation to enable Somchai and his family to settle in America, if they wished.

Somchai, 39, initially arranged a hiding place for the six, who slipped out of Tehran disguised as Canadian diplomats in January last year. He also destroyed potentially sensitive documents at the homes of four of the embassy staffers and regularly passed information about the hostage situation to the United States through a Thai connection, the paper said.

Mugabe army disarms rebels

SALISBURY, Feb. 22 (R) — Zimbabwe's national army has begun disarming rebellious guerrillas after bloody faction clashes in the southwestern city of Bulawayo last week. Eyewitnesses said the army had removed at least six Soviet-supplied T-54 tanks from a battle camp near Bulawayo occupied by minority leader Joshua Nkomo's ZIPRA army.

Last week ZIPRA fought a series of battles with troops loyal to Prime Minister Robert Mugabe both within the army and at guerrilla encampments in Bulawayo's Entumbane township. Under ceasefire terms, the fac-

Yugoslavia is only sending a secretary of the central committee, Bushan Dragosavac, but in an expression of solidarity with Moscow other foreign parties will be represented by their number one. Bulgarian head of state and party chief Todor Zhivkov and Hungarian leader Janos Kadar arrived here Saturday.

While some delegations are not due here until Monday, the Afghan team headed by President Babrak Karmal and the United States party delegation led by Gus Hall have been here since late Thursday. Hall's presence has caused particular interest here and was widely reported by Tass Sunday.

In principle the Cuban delegation, due here later Sunday, was to be led by Cuban leader Fidel Castro, but there had been an official announcement. The congress will be attended by some 5,000 delegates from across the Soviet Union, and by about 100 foreign delegations.

Meanwhile, the question asked in communist circles is what is the attraction of becoming a Communist in the Soviet Union? Militants stress that their cards give them no privileges, even puts restrictions on them, like obligations to attend political meetings. But party membership does give a fillip to careers, opening those jobs reserved to Communists.

Communism in the Soviet Union seems to be the bastion of men, workers and Russians, to judge from official figures. They show that only 25 per cent of party members are women, that workers form 42 per cent of the membership (against 13 per cent for peasants), and that 60 per cent are Russians, although the U.S.S.R. groups more than 100 nationalities.

Ex-deputy minister freed in Malaysia

KUALA LUMPUR, Feb. 22 (AFP) — The Malaysian government has ordered the release of former Deputy Labor Minister Abdullah Majid, who was detained in 1976 for alleged pro-Communist activities. Home Affairs Minister Tan Sri Ghazali Shafie said in a statement Saturday that he ordered the release as Majid "was no longer regarded a threat to national security."

The statement said the former deputy minister, who was arrested Nov. 2, 1976, had "responded satisfactorily to rehabilitation" and had given satisfactory assurance with regard to his future conduct. It is believed that Majid will be released after he makes a public statement as was the case with the former managing editor of New Straits Times, Samad Ismail, who was released early this month after more than four years' detention.



"SAVE THE SEAL": Two imitation baby harp seals are displayed as Splice Lilligan leads a procession through London to Canada House Wednesday to present a petition bearing 190,000 signatures protesting the mass slaughter of seals in Canadian waters. Splice is flanked by two "huntsmen."

Soviets call for peace in S.E. Asia

MOSCOW, Feb. 22 (AP) — The Soviet Union, declaring that developments in southeast Asia affect the interests of Moscow and many other countries, called Sunday on the nations of the ASEAN bloc to show "political realism" by properly considering the recent proposals of Vietnam Laos and the Heng Samrin government in Kampuchea.

The official Tass news agency reported that the Soviet statement had been presented Sunday to the five ASEAN bloc governments of Indonesia, Malaysia, Singapore, Thailand and the Philippines "on the instructions of the Soviet leadership" by Soviet ambassadors in those countries. The appeal was also delivered to the governments of "a number of other Asian countries," Tass said.

Quoting from the message, Tass said that not only countries located in southeast Asia are interested in assuring peace and security in the region. "The question as to what direction will be taken by the events in southeast Asia, toward confrontation or toward cooperation, has a bearing on the interests of many other states, including the USSR," the message said.

The Soviet message expressed support for recent calls by Vietnam, Laos and the Vietnamese-backed Heng Samrin regime in Kampuchea for a regional conference between them and the ASEAN states to ensure "peace, stability and friendship" in the area.

At the same time the Soviet message added, the "enemies of peace" in southeast Asia are using "gross military pressure on Vietnam, Laos and Kampuchea." The accusations of "gross military pressure" appeared aimed at China and Thailand, which both have had border skirmishes with Communist southeast Asian regimes.

Moscow also said it is ready to join an international conference to guarantee stability in southeast Asia, if the United States, Britain, France and China will come to the conference as well.

Emigration drain hits Latin American nations

PARIS, Feb. 22 (AFP) — An estimated 21 million Latin Americans live outside their homeland, according to a study carried out by Agence France-Presse. Of this total, one million left their country for political reasons, the remainder to improve their standard of living.

Latin American countries with the highest emigration rate are Mexico and the five in the lower half of south America — Bolivia, Chile, Paraguay, Uruguay and Argentina. Each of them has lost approximately 10 per cent of its population in the past two decades, the study indicates.

Paraguay has the highest proportion of emigration in relation to its population of any single Latin American country, with 600,000 of its nationals living abroad — mainly in neighboring Brazil and Argentina. This figure appears relatively low, however, when compared with the emigration drain from larger Latin American nations. Mexico has five million of its nationals domiciled in the United States, four million of whom are living there illegally, according to the findings of a Mexican government commission.

Argentina has lost 2.5 millions of its population through emigration in the past decade alone, according to the Center for Argentines in Exile. Chile is another major loser in terms of emigration. Figures supplied by church authorities there indicate that one million Chileans are living in other countries, 600,000 of whom have settled in Argentina.

An estimated 100,000 of these emigrants fled abroad for political reasons after the 1973 seizure of power by the military junta of Gen. Augusto Pinochet Ugarte.

The heaviest concentration of Latin American emigrants is in the United States — some 12 million, according to the immigration authorities. Of this figure the highest individual fraction by far consists of Mexicans (one million authorized residents and some four million illegal entrants), followed by 500,000 Cubans, and 200,000 refugees from Cuba.

Within the Latin American world itself, Venezuela and Argentina are the two principal host countries for such emigrants. Venezuela has an immigrant population of three millions, while Argentina harbors two million Latin Americans from beyond its frontiers — though immigration has fallen off since the 1976 military pact.

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Former junta member held in Salvador

Leftists plan more attacks

SAN SALVADOR, Feb. 22 (AP) — The president of El Salvador's ruling junta, Jose Napoleon Duarte, has announced the arrest of a former junta member who was the most liberal voice in the government until his removal.

Duarte also told the Associated Press Saturday that his country needs economic assistance from the United States more than military help and could do without American arms if guerrilla weapons allegedly coming from Nicaragua were cut off. His statement comes as the United States is considering stepping up arms aid to help the junta put down the guerrillas.

Duarte said Col. Adolfo Arnoldo Majano, ousted in a power play last December, was captured in the capital and was in custody of the defense ministry. An official government communiqué issued later said Majano was arrested for refusing to accept a diplomatic post in Spain offered upon his ouster from the junta.

Majano's relatives complained that Salvadoran officials had refused to say where he was being held or what might become of him. A Panama City radio station monitored in

Washington said Duarte told the station that Majano was on active status in the army and would be court-martialed. Other unconfirmed reports said he was likely to be expelled from the country.

Majano dropped out of sight after he left the junta and ignored demands by the five-man junta's other military member, Col. Jaime Abdul Gutierrez, that he "turn himself in." The reports of the arrest threaten to increase tensions between the right and left here, which have been engaged in a violent power struggle that has resulted in nearly 15,000 deaths in the past 14 months.

Majano was the most liberal member of the junta and the prime mover behind land and social reforms that are opposed by paramilitary rightist assassination squads. There were unconfirmed rumors in the capital that leftists, who want to establish a Marxist state, were planning a large-scale attack Sunday and against March 10.

Duarte told the Associated Press on Saturday that there are arms storehouses in Nicaragua intended to back the guerrillas and if the arms stay in Nicaragua "El Salvador would only have to face economic problems."

"If we can keep nations such as Cuba, East Germany, Ethiopia, North Korea, Vietnam, Libya, Angola, and other Communist nations who are using Nicaragua, from sending arms



El Salvador President Jose Napoleon Duarte to the guerrillas." El Salvador could seek a political solution to its problems, Duarte said. "If these arms were stopped, El Salvador would not need arms," he said.

While repeating his claim that Nicaragua is a staging ground for weapons bound for Salvadoran guerrillas, he said Nicaragua is not El Salvador's enemy and suggested bilateral talks on the grounds that neither economy

can afford confrontation.

Meanwhile, the United States has vowed to use whatever means necessary to stem the flow of arms from Cuba to leftist insurgents in El Salvador and has already begun studying contingency military plans, a published report says.

The Washington Post, in its Sunday editions, quoted "informed official sources," as saying U.S. officials have promised they will "go to the source" to end the arms shipments. The newspaper said Ronald Reagan administration officials conveyed the warning last week through meetings with Latin American ambassadors and other diplomatic channels.

The officials did not say what action is being contemplated in case Cuban support continues for the Salvadoran guerrillas, the Post reported. But the newspaper said U.S. Secretary of State Alexander M. Haig Jr. and other senior officials made it plain that various contingency plans, including military contingencies, are already being reviewed.

In San Jose, Costa Rican President Rodrigo Carazo Odio said Saturday he has asked the Organization of American States to mediate the dispute between groups battling for power in El Salvador in an effort to seek a political solution to that country's bloody conflict.

Communist bill may hit French weapons sales

PARIS, Feb. 22 (AFP) — France's booming business as the world's third largest arms merchant could be jeopardized by a bill now before the national assembly. The Communist Party-sponsored bill, put forward recently calls for an end to the production of all arms slated for sales outside of France.

But with the country heading into the spring presidential election period, some doubt has been expressed about the future of the bill. There is wide public support in France for the massive arms industry and it is highly unlikely that the Communist Party would want to make weapons an election issue.

In 1979, France earned about \$5,000 million from weapons sales. This is roughly equal to one-quarter of the cost of the country's annual oil imports. And although the 1980 sales figures were not available, the total is expected to surpass the earlier figures.

The figures mean that France accounts for 10 per cent of the world's total weapons sales, behind the United States with 45 per cent of the arms market, the Soviet Union with 27.5 per cent and ahead of Britain with five per cent, Italy with three and West Germany with 2.3 per cent.

France has the largest per capita sales of arms of any nation in the world, opposition Socialist Party critics claim. The French arms industry employs about 387,000 people. About one-third of the total works on weapons that are to be exported. The size of the industry plays a major role in France's policy, allowing Paris to present itself as an alternative for countries not wishing to link themselves too closely with the two super-powers.

As with all major arms manufacturers, France directs its weaponry sales energies toward the world's hot spots and the richest countries. The Middle East and north Africa account for 55 per cent of France's arms exports, followed by 15 per cent for Latin America and the Far East. A 56m two per cent of French weapons are sold to fellow European countries.

The spectacular development of French arms sales stem from the two Arab-Israeli wars of 1967 and 1973.

But in 1972, the French banned sales of arms to combatant countries. "We reap the dividends of the policies of former French President Gen. de Gaulle," French arms officials now say.

Italian army men demoted for swindling

ROME, Feb. 22 (AP) — The defense ministry has recommended that an admiral, a general and a captain of the Italian secret service be stripped of their ranks for their alleged role in an oil scandal that bilked the state of as much as \$2 billion in tax revenues.

Defense Minister Lelio Lagorio proposed the demotions, the most severe disciplinary action that can be taken against military personnel without a court-martial, for Adm. Mario Casardi, Gen. Giandeleo Maletti, and Capt. Antonio La Burna.

The recommendation, which came after a three-month investigation, will go to a military disciplinary council for review. The three are suspected of covering up the oil scandal, which involved selling home heating oil illegally as diesel fuel during the early 1970s.

Because home heating oil was taxed at a lower rate than diesel fuel, businessmen were able to reap huge profits by paying the lower tax themselves and charging their customers the higher tax, according to the charges against the suspects in the case.

More than 100 people, including three top tax officials have been arrested in the case. The tax officials are accused of looking the other way during the swindle, and taking a cut of the profits.

According to newspaper reports, one section of the secret service got wind of the tax evasion scheme when it was spying on another, rival section of the secret service.

Rather than report the scandal to the proper authorities, the section compiled a secret report on it, and later leaked the report to a journalist, newspaper reports said.

Poll results give boost to Fraser

CANBERRA, Feb. 22 (AFP) — A clean sweep in three Australian by-elections Saturday by the Liberal Party, the major partner in the coalition government, has strengthened the position of Prime Minister Malcolm Fraser in a conflict with his own government partners.

Liberal Peter White in the Queensland seat of McPherson trounced candidates from both the National Country Party — the junior coalition partners — and the Labor Party after a particularly bitter campaign on taxation reform, which pitted Fraser against the National Country Party.

Fraser was in direct conflict with the National Country Party leader, deputy Prime Minister Doug Anthony, and the National Party premier of Queensland, John Bjelk Petersen, both of whom advocated a 20 per cent flat rate of taxation for all Australians regardless of income.

\$206m cocaine seized in Miami

MIAMI, Feb. 22 (AP) — Narcotics agents, culminating a two-month investigation, have arrested two men and seized a record-breaking \$206 million worth of finished cocaine during a search of a Miami home, authorities said.

Agents from the federal Drug Enforcement Administration (DEA) and the Florida department of law enforcement seized the ready-for-sale narcotics late Friday night at a home in south Miami, said DEA spokesman Con Dougherty.

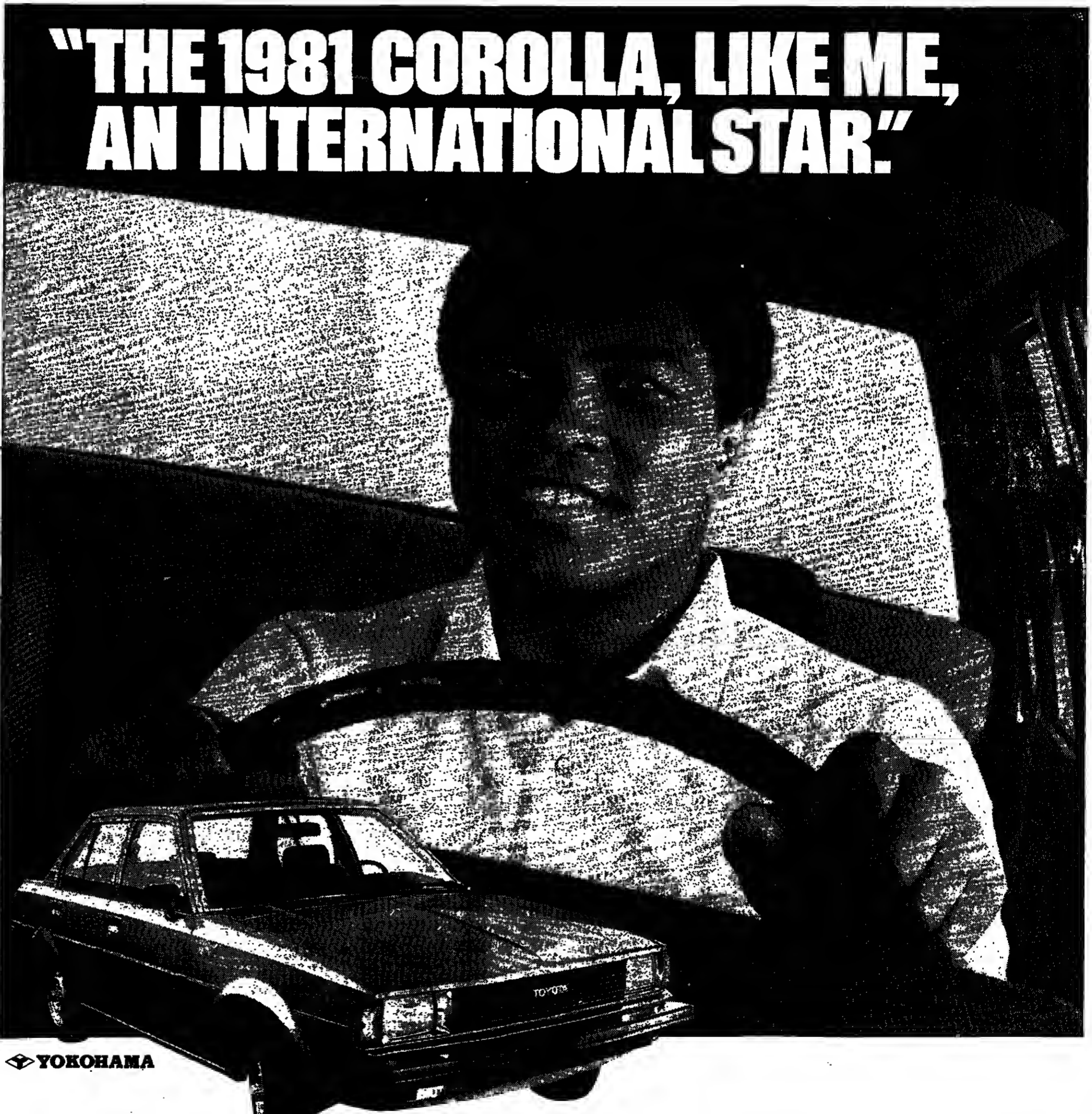
The narcotics cache, which weighed in at 826 pounds, represents the largest seizure ever of finished cocaine, Dougherty said. Last May, DEA agents seized 854 pounds of paste cocaine base.

Student demonstrators hurl fire bombs in Rome

ROME, Feb. 22 (R) — Dozens of left-wing youths hurled fire bombs and overturned cars in a Rome suburb Saturday night after police broke up a demonstration called to mark the anniversary of a student's death.

Several hundred people turned up outside the house where Valerio Verardo, 19, was shot dead by neo-fascist gunmen who forced his parents to watch the killing. Police said they authorized only the rally and moved in when the demonstrators began a march into the city center.

Angry youths exploded fire bombs and tried to set off street barricades but fled when



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Resuming Iraq oil pumping reviewed

DAMASCUS, Feb. 22 (AP) — Technicians from Lebanon, Syria and Iraq met in Banias, the northern city of Syria, Saturday to discuss arrangements to resume the Iraqi oil exports via Mediterranean, official sources said.

Sources said Saturday the meeting dealt with arrangements among the three countries to ready a 805-km pipeline that links Iraq's northern oil field of Kirkuk to Banias and Lebanon's northern port city of Tripoli.

Iraq's three million barrels a day exports came to a standstill when the war with Iraq broke out last September. The terminals at the northern flank of the Arabian Gulf were heavily bombed by Iranian planes and gunboats in the early weeks of the war.

Iraq resumed shipments of about 350,000 barrels a day by pipeline via Turkey's Mediterranean oil harbor of Dorosyro at the beginning of this year.

The current conference in Banias is expected to set the stage for Iraqi exports of up to one million barrels a day via Banias and Tripoli. The sources said new agreements regulating transit revenues were discussed. The technicians taking part in the conference are to report to their respective governments on the outcome before the end of February the sources added.

Iraq recently resumed oil exports of about 100,000 barrels a day through its Lavan island terminal near the Straits of Hormuz at the southern end of the Arabian Gulf. Iraq's pre-war exports averaged 750,000 barrels a day.

Analysts find Reagan time limit to tackle inflation unrealistic

WASHINGTON, Feb. 22 (R) — President Ronald Reagan may speed U.S. economic growth substantially, but his goal of halving inflation in three years is unrealistic, several private economists have said.

When the President unveiled his program of steep tax and budget cuts this week, he also released a set of economic goals he expects to achieve in the coming years.

The administration predicted that if Congress enacted its plan, the economy, now expected to grow by only about one per cent this year, would accelerate to a healthy rate of 4.2 per cent in 1982, five per cent in 1983 and 4.5 per cent in 1984.

At the same time, Reagan's economic advisers projected that inflation would drop from its current 12.6 per cent level to 8.3 per cent next year, 6.2 per cent the year after and 5.5 per cent by 1984.

Commenting on the growth estimates, Donald Ratajczek, chief economic forecaster at Georgia State University, told Reuters: "I'll buy the numbers although they're probably a little high." But he added that "the inflation projections are way off."

Michael Evans, who operates a consulting firm in Washington, accepted the economic growth forecasts, but questioned the inflation objectives. "They're hopelessly optimistic," he said.

Both economists said the Reagan administration was overlooking several "built-in obstacles" to reducing inflation.

They said that a majority of labor contracts at present in effect contained expensive cost-of-living clauses which would boost wages substantially over the next three years, further fueling inflation.

The forecasters also said bonds and notes carrying interest rates of 13 per cent and more would be due in a few years, a development which could dry up available capital for business.

Lawrence Chimerine, chief economist for the consulting firm Chase Econometrics, said he believed inflation would have eased gradually even without the Reagan economic program because energy and food prices

Bids on causeway linking Bahrain under study

BAHRAIN, Feb. 22 (R) — Bahrain and Saudi Arabia are negotiating with eight groups of companies over bids to build a giant causeway between the two countries and the contract will likely be awarded in April, a Bahrain Ministry of Development and Industry spokesman said Sunday.

He said the talks covered specific details of the bids to build the 24-km causeway. Eight other groups of companies had submitted clear bids that did not require further talks.

The causeway, which could cost up to \$1 billion will consist of a chain of five bridges with four traffic lanes and a capacity of nearly 3,000 vehicles an hour.

Saudi Arabian Industry Minister Ghazi Alqosbi was quoted earlier this month as saying the World Bank had been asked to decide which group of companies should get the contract.

ESCAP foresees slowdown in growth of developing states

BANGKOK, Feb. 22 (AFP) — Developing countries in Asia and the Pacific face rough sledding in 1981, with many heading for slower growth, a United Nations survey released Sunday said.

The survey, by the Bangkok-based U.N. Economic and Social Commission for Asia and the Pacific (ESCAP), said the over-all slowdown had begun in 1979-80, placing the worst-off in an "extremely serious position."

It said the downturn blurred the contrast between what had been the booming economies of east and southeast Asia — notably Hong Kong and the five members of the Association of South East Asian Nations (ASEAN) — and those which had traditionally been more sluggish. ASEAN comprises Thailand, the Philippines, Indonesia, Malaysia and Singapore.

With few exceptions, the ESCAP report spoke of a winding-down of gross domestic product (GDP) growth largely due to declining demand from hard-hit industrialized states in the West.

The survey did not make specific forecasts of growth prospects for regional states this year, saying much depended on the performance of the developed economies. These, it said, could be expected to begin a slow recovery in the first half of 1981, with average GDP growth of about 3.0 per cent by the first half of 1982.

Referring to the "gloomy" outlook for Asian export growth in 1981, it said stepped-up flows of easy-term loans would be required for low-income developing countries to attain even modest rates of development.

For the region's middle-income developing states, increased commercial-term funds with "greatly lengthened maturities" will be urgently needed, the ESCAP secretariat said.

The report will be a key talking point at the 37th general session of ESCAP, which convenes here from March 10 to 21. In addition to 30 regional states from Afghanistan to the Pacific island of Tonga, members include the United States and the Soviet Union.

On the bright side, the survey forecasts some abatement of inflation in the region this

Foreign Exchange Rates

Quoted at 5:00 P.M. Saturday

	SAMA	Cash	Transfer
Bahrain Dinar	—	8.86	8.875
Belgian Franc (1,000)	96.60	112.00	—
Canadian Dollar	2.80	—	—
Deutsche Mark (100)	155.00	155.00	160.70
Dutch Guilder (100)	142.00	—	146.75
Egyptian Pound	—	4.18	4.34
Emirate Dirham (100)	—	90.95	91.10
French Franc (100)	67.00	66.00	68.65
Greek Drachma (1,000)	—	—	65.15
Indian Rupee (100)	—	—	40.85
Iranian Ryal (100)	—	—	—
Israeli Dinar	—	7.50	—
Italian Lira (10,000)	33.00	33.60	33.50
Japanese Yen (1,000)	16.20	16.20	16.25
Jordanian Dinar	—	10.51	10.425
Kuwaiti Dinar	—	12.25	12.34
Lebanese Lira (100)	—	85.50	86.15
Moroccan Dirham (100)	—	71.25	70.25
Pakistani Rupee (100)	—	33.50	33.85
Philippines Peso (100)	—	—	44.00
Pound Sterling	7.61	7.65	7.74
Qatari Ryal (100)	—	91.70	91.90
Singapore Dollar (100)	—	—	139.00
Spanish Peseta (1,000)	—	—	38.45
Swiss Franc (100)	170.00	173.00	178.75
Syrian Lira (100)	—	57.00	56.85
Turkish Lira (1,000)	—	36.00	—
U.S. Dollar	3.34	3.346	3.341
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BRIEFS

TOKYO, (AFP) — Japan's Prime Minister Zenko Suzuki has instructed Rokusuke Tanaka, minister of international trade and industry to go to the United States earlier than his scheduled visit to Washington on May 7 and 8 to settle the row over exports of Japanese cars, informed sources here said Sunday.

PARIS, (AFP) — The International Finance Corporation, a subsidiary of the World Bank helping private development projects in the third world, has decided to invest \$38 million in an open-cast coal mine in Wankie, Zimbabwe, an IFC statement said here.

HARRISBURG, Pennsylvania, (AFP) — A U.S. judge has agreed in principle to a proposed \$25 million settlement of suits for economic damages arising from the accident at the three-mile Island nuclear facility near here on March 28, 1979, it was reported.

NOUAKCHOTT, Mauritania (AFP) — Muhammad Yehdi Ould El Hassan, former deputy governor of the Mauritanian Central Bank, has been named minister for finance and economy, it was officially announced here Saturday.

MOSCOW, (AFP) — More than 22,000 readers have written to the Soviet party paper Pravda in the last two-and-a-half months, with suggestions for formulating the plan of the economic development central committee. Altogether 1,300 readers had bad their proposals published in the paper, Pravda added.

Saudi Arabian Government Tenders

Authority	Description	No. of Tender	Price SR	Closing Date
Municipality of Mecca	Aerial spray of insecticides	24	500	March 16
	Supply of insecticides and related equipment	25	500	March 16
Directorate of the National Guard, Riyadh	Catering for personnel of Supply Division at Khashm Al-Aam, Riyadh	31/400/	200	Feb. 28
	Construction of a fence and asphalt of the Emergency Garage in Umm Al-Hamam, Riyadh	32/400/	200	March-2
Ministry of Education	Operation and maintenance of swimming pools and annexes at the Scouts' Camp and Sports Stadium in Jeddah	33/M	300	March 14

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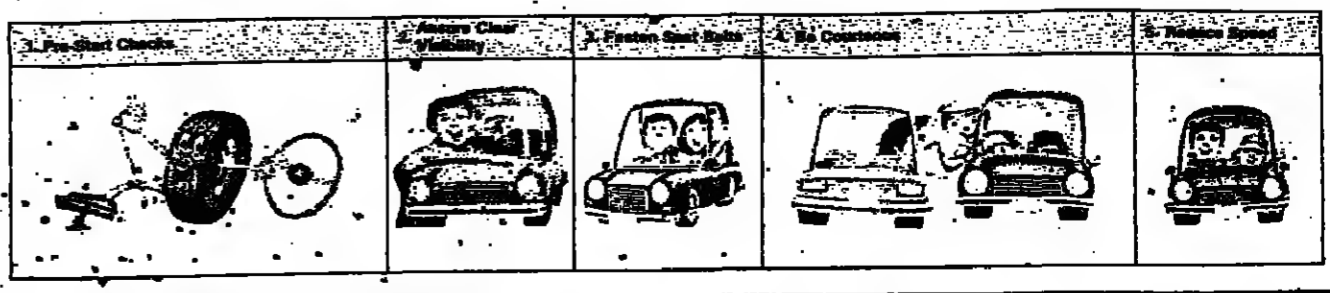
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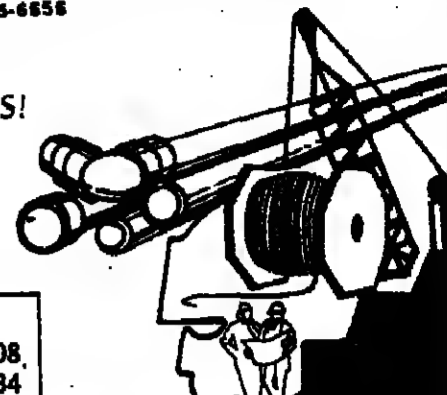
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Peru warns Quito of war over border

LIMA, Feb. 22 (Agencies) — Peru has said it will attack Ecuador if the Quito government continues to infiltrate troops across their border in the remote Condor mountains, scene of renewed fighting over the past two days. In a communique Saturday, Peru described the Ecuadorian occupation of three border posts as acts of war. It said the positions inside Peruvian territory had been retaken.

The communique said Ecuador had moved its troops across the frontier after a ceasefire which took effect Feb. 2. It added that

U.K.'s rebel miners agree to resume work

MARGATE, England, Feb. 22 (AP) — Three thousand rebel miners, who defied a return-to-work order from their National Union, agreed to give up their lone stance Sunday and end an unofficial five-day strike.

Miners in Kent county in south-east England agreed at a mass meeting in this sea-side town to go back to work Monday morning, but warned they would strike again if their demands are not met.

The Kent miners had been protesting at the planned closure by Britain's state-run National Coal Board of the Snowdown colliery, which employs 960 men.

Even though Prime Minister Margaret Thatcher's government, faced with the prospect of a national walk-out, last week rescinded an NCB plan to close Snowdown and 22 more of Britain's 219 pits, the strikers said they were suspicious of the premier's sudden about-face and of the government's new pledge to invest more money in the coal industry.

1 dies in Indian firing

NEW DELHI, Feb. 22 (AFP) — One person was killed in police firing Sunday and at least five others sustained severe stab wounds in the textile town of Ahmedabad as caste riots continued in India's western state of Gujarat, reports reaching here said. The reports said there were also incidents of arson and stonethrowing, connected with the nearly two-month-old agitation by upper caste Hindu students against the government reservation of jobs and seats in higher educational institutions, including medical colleges, for lower castes.

Bitten ear restored

LYON, Eastern France, Feb. 22 (AFP) — Surgeons have stitched back the ear of a seven-year-old boy which was bitten off by an Alsatian dog. The boy was playing with his three brothers in his home town near here Saturday when the dog attacked him. He was rushed to hospital in Lyon for a graft operation which proved successful.

Ecuador had ignored a warning to pull back its troops and continued "the insane attempt to establish themselves on our side of the Condor mountains."

In Quito, Ecuador said it was considering breaking diplomatic relations with Peru. It has accused Peru of attacking a border post with paratroops and said Lima's helicopters had sprayed some Ecuadorian positions with machine gunfire.

The Peruvian communique made no mention of casualties in the operation but said a helicopter was shot down by Ecuadorian troops during a reconnaissance flight Friday. Using the strongest language of the latest flare-up, the government said any further infiltrations would be considered acts of war and Peruvian forces would take corresponding action in Ecuadorian territory.

The government said it told Ecuador to withdraw Feb. 16 by a message through the guarantor nations of a 1942 treaty defining the frontier. Representatives of the guarantors — the United States, Chile, Argentina and Brazil — met urgently in Lima Saturday night to study the Peruvian statement, diplomatic sources said.

The communique was released after a meeting of the National Security Council chaired by President Fernando Belaunde Terry and including the country's top civil and military leaders. The clashes were the latest in a long-standing dispute between the two countries over Ecuador's claim to a large oil-rich area of a northern Peru which would give it direct access to the Amazon River. Fighting flared Jan. 28 but Peru announced a unilateral ceasefire after recapturing three jungle encampments.

In Quito, Interior Minister Carlos Feraud described as very serious the situation along the frontier despite an 18-day ceasefire in the fighting.

Foreign Minister Alfonso Barrera of Ecuador said early last week that Paquisha outpost was in Peruvian hands, but there was a dangerous stand-off between the two countries' forces at two other outposts. Foreign reporters flown to the three outposts by Peruvian helicopters have said they were occupied by Peruvian forces.

U.S. urged to remove weapons from Japan

IWAKUNI, Japan, Feb. 22 (AFP) — About 500 protesters held a rally outside the U.S. military base in Iwakuni, near Hiroshima, Sunday against alleged deployment of nuclear weapons by a U.S. Marine Wing Weapons Unit (MWWU) stationed there. The rally was organized by the pro-Communist Japan Council against the atomic and hydrogen bombs, and by other leading pacifist organizations.



PERUVIAN PATROL: Peruvian soldiers patrol the jungle at the remote border post of Paquisha seized from Ecuadorian troops in the recent border conflict. The two Latin American neighbors are currently engaged in border skirmishes which threaten to escalate into a full-scale war.

Talks with Iraq ruled out

Iran getting war weapons, leader says

BEIRUT, Feb. 22 (Agencies) — An Iranian leader has said his country was now able to get all the weapons it needed for the Gulf war with Iraq despite the refusal by Western countries to supply Iran with spare parts.

Hojatolislam Hosseyn Haqqani, vice-president of the Iranian Majlis (parliament), told a press conference Saturday that Iran was now manufacturing much of the spare parts and equipment it needed and that it could obtain any other weapons it required from countries he did not name. Speaking after a visit to North and South Yemen and Saudi Arabia at the head of a delegation to explain Iran's foreign policy, he urged Islamic countries to press Iraq to withdraw its forces from Iran and said any efforts to end the war would be welcome.

But, in reply to a question, he repeated that Iran would not hold talks with Iraq to stop the

war. He said: "There is no room for negotiations. The only way to solve this problem is for Islamic peoples and governments to exert pressure on (Iraqi president) Saddam Hussein to withdraw his forces from Iranian territory."

Haqqani said Iran was prepared to receive an Islamic Conference Organization peace committee which is due in Tehran next Friday. He said: "We appreciate any efforts to put an end to the war, and if the Islamic goodwill committee's talks with officials in Iran are within this context then it is welcome."

Meanwhile Iranian President Abolhassan Bani-Sadr said in Tehran that Baghdad's troops occupied 10 Iranian towns. But he thought even if all of Iran were taken over, "new generations would continue to fight."

"The battle against Saddam is similar to

the battle against the Shah," Bani-Sadr said after he visited with Ayatollah Ruhollah Khomeini, the leader of the Iranian revolution. The Iranian president later left for the southern front, radio Tehran reported.

Olof Palme, the special envoy of United Nations Secretary General Kurt Waldheim in his attempt to end the Gulf war, left Tehran Sunday after a three-day stay in Iran. Palme, who came to Tehran from Baghdad, said at a news conference Saturday that he would probably be going straight back to New York.

In a development, a sailor accidentally sparked a fire in the Iranian port city of Bandar Shapur that caused damage worth billions of Iranian rials, the official Iranian news agency Pars reported Sunday. No exact figure was given for the damage. One U.S. dollar is roughly equivalent to 70 Iranian rials.

Polish 'solution' ends unrest

WARSAW, Feb. 22 (AFP) — After little more than a week of hectic action on the diplomatic and industrial front the new government of Gen. Wojciech Jaruzelski has ended industrial strife in the country only hours before the opening of the 26th Communist Party congress in Moscow. When the 5,000 delegates meet in Moscow, Monday they will be considering a Poland where a "Polish solution" has apparently restored industrial peace and ended nearly seven months of unrest through the country.

As soon as Jaruzelski arrived at the head of the government, his wish for dialogue was welcomed both by trades union leaders and public opinion, quickly reversing a situation that neither his predecessors nor the independent trades unions themselves could con-

trol. The intensive talks on every issue, in a more relaxed atmosphere, aided the task of Polish party leader Stanislaw Kania, who early last week visited his neighbors in East Germany and Czechoslovakia, Poland's strongest critics.

The agreements signed Wednesday and Thursday between farmers at Rzeszow and students at Lodz pacified the last two centers of unrest, and will make the Polish leaders' position at the Moscow congress more comfortable.

The agreement signed Thursday in Moscow by Polish Foreign Trade Minister Ryszard Karski deferring to 1985 repayment of debts accumulated between 1976 and 1980 could be considered a sign of Soviet goodwill in the face of Poland's pressing economic difficulties.

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